The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

OK, campers! The word for today is **CONTRIBUTE!**

It means that we should all contribute something to the things we are a part of, like a club. Contributing takes many forms: money, skills, time, or just showing up at club functions.

Not necessarily just meetings although we need you there also, but coming to the clubhouse on Saturdays, coming to our contest efforts, sending a story or picture to The Loggers Bark.

It has been a tough couple of years, we all know that, but if anyone has been paying attention, they would see that the participation in the clubs activities is at an all time low. Again mostly due to the ongoing Covid—19 pandemic.

MAN! I even hate writing that phrase!

We're all tired of it, which is an ever better reason why we should attend the "ZOOM" meetings or show our faces at the next Saturday open house.

While on that subject, we have noticed that everyone at the clubhouse is not masking up! This is a problem. Folks will not want to be exposed to my or your potential for infection. Please park your "political opinion" of masking or vaccinations before you enter the hallowed halls of W7DK!

We go to the club under the assumption that every one with a bare face is fully vaccinated, but this, is unfortunately not true.

So do everyone a favor please get vaccinated and even if you are fully vaccinated, wear a mask while in the clubhouse. Your fellow club members will appreciate it and we **WILL** get thru this together, but only if we act like adults and take the proper precautions.

I want my life back too and we can only get there one way. You all know what that way is! 73 for now. WG7X

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Minutes
September 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Mike-W7XTZ

Officers and Directors Present

President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer	Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU
Board	Verna Lilly KF7SCB
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum?

A quorum was present and 13 members were in attendance. The attendance list is attached.

Silent Key or Illness?

Peter Baker AD7EU our Club Parliamentarian became a silent key July 13, 2021 at the age of 59.
It was also reported that Adam Barbera was sick so he did not attend this meeting.
Our Librarian Doug AD7AV had some discouraging news when he learned his wife was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
Paul W7PFU has talked to Bob N7NCP recently and Bob reports that Greta KF7KSW is supposed to be home soon. She broke her ankle in 2 places and has been in recovery.

Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2021 RCT BOD meeting: **Bruce WE7P moved** to approve the minutes as distributed. **The motion was seconded and passed.**

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)

Mike W7MKE reported on the availability of the December Banquet Hall at the Christian Reformed Church located at 2419 E 72nd ST in Tacoma. Our date is Saturday December 11. We will need to deposit $100 when we get the keys to the fellowship hall a week or so before the 11th. Then the cost for use of the hall is $350 payable at the date of the use. The $100 deposit is returned if the hall is left in good order. We need to bring all of our own consumables for our banquet.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve AF7YD distributed financial reports (attached). There was considerable detail in the report and Steve want ed to know if this level of detail was appropriate. Consensus was it was a good level of detail.

Committee / Reports

Membership (K7GRS)

George K7GRS reported membership was 270.

Library (AD7AV)

George K7GRS reported that Doug AD7AV is going to get the library committee together pretty soon to plan fu -ture projects but nothing is happening right now.

Training (AD7AB)

No changes to the schedules to report since last month.

VE (AC7WW)

John AC7WW submitted this report: On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, your VE team was host to 16 candidates in two sessions in the clubhouse parking lot. Nine candidates passed element 2 to join the Amateur Service as Technicians. One candidate passed element 2 and 3 to become a General. Three candidates upgraded to General class. Two candidates upgraded to Extra. One candidate did not earn an initial license.
Thanks to the following for their service and time. Leonard, KA7NWF; Jan, K7HTU; Rich, KK7VH; Stephen, AD7AB; Phillip, K7PIA and Whit, KG7LNZ

Info Tech and Website (WB4SP)
Randy WB4SPB reported that Stephen AD7AB has replaced the club router and WiFi service is extended to the garage. There is a small amount of configuration left to do but service is working. The Lou Room dongle went missing and Stephen had to program a replacement. The training room mouse went missing and so the wireless mouse and keyboard had to be reconfigured. So for now it appears all systems are working correctly. Please report on any website additions or corrections needed.
Bruce WE7P moved to replace the mouse and keyboard in the Lou Room and Training room, cost not to exceed $200. **Motion was seconded and passed.** Randy agreed to purchase the equipment.
HF Operations (K7PIA)
All stations are operating. See www.contestcalendar.com for upcoming contest. Salmon Run is September 18-19. The VHF/UHF station was relocated upstairs. There was some discussion about some of the UHF/VHF/6M antennas. It is also possible that the rotator is not working correctly so needs some testing.
Repeater Ops (N7OMS)
Steve AF7YD reported on the malicious interference: a kerchunker on the 147.280 repeater. Reportedly this person is also affecting other repeaters and bands. Steve detailed a couple of quick ARDF systems that could be used to find the operator interfering with our repeater**.** There was a long discussion about interference.
Al N7OMS reported that some of the interference on the 147.280 repeater seems random but also seems to happen during the Tuesday night nets. He's uncertain that this is caused by a human rather than some equipment malfunction. Al indicated that we have not heard from the DNR yet about the Crawford Mountain repeater. We had to submit a letter from an ARES group that W7DK repeater is used for public good. Apparently Bob Purdom AD7LJ has written lots of letters for other groups indicating they are public service groups, many also not hearing from the DNR so there is some thought that DNR may have a paperwork backlog.
Facilities Mgmt (W2NCC)
Steve AF7YD indicated the hangers are now installed in the shed per plan. There is room to install another two rows if needed.
Property Mgmt (WB7EC)
PMT submitted a September List of surplus property. **Bruce WE7P moved** to dispose of the property on the list. **The motion was seconded and passed.** The list is attached to this report. Red WB7EC reported that last month we made $915. He further reported that he is in communication with a couple of people who might donate a Vibroplex key and an Eagle antenna.
Museum
We need a new chairperson for the Museum as Rich KR7W has now moved to Idaho.
Weds Workshop (WB4SPB)
Randy reported that there was no August Workshop and September's is TBD.
General Meeting (KF7SCB)
Verna KF7SCB reported again that we need a new General Meeting Program Manager as she must resign in December. For September we will do a Fall Disaster program.

Unfinished Business
AD Hoc Committee Report (W7XTZ)
Mike W7XTZ reported that George K7GRS has taken back the Membership Chair for now and we need a new committee chair for membership. George reported that for fall events, all stationary is printed except for the Ballots. Deanna KA7DCX is our promotional person, Doug AB7DG is our mailing person and Mike W7XTZ is handling Salmon Run.
Nominating Committee Report (WB4SPB)
Randy WB4SPB reported the nominating committee was himself, Verna KF7SCB and Deanna KA7DCX. They have found someone for each position but further nominations can be made at the September Monthly Meeting. Nominees are all the current people in office now except for Verna who is resigning. Doug AB7DG has agreed to run for that board position. People may nominate themselves and if you nominate someone else, they must agree to be nominated. Nominees for the Board must be members in good standing for one year and nominees for club officers must be members in good standing for two years.
Report of Bylaws Committee (K7GRS, AB7DG, W7XTZ and W7PFU)
Doug AB7DG reported that they had a meeting today and has begun to review the bylaws. For example: Special Member ship status was a grandfathered into current bylaws in 2015 so this membership position and needs to be removed now. They are going through the bylaws and expect to be done by January**.** The meetings have been on ZOOM and using Google Docs so all can see the document at the same time. Paul W7PFU has agreed to help on the committee. Standing rules are not included in this revision but need to be reviewed as well.

New Business

Nothing offered

Activity Reports and Discussion Topics

Nothing offered

Announcements

Tacoma Areas slow speed net meets Monday at 6pm local on 28.05 MHZ

Adjournment was at: 20:15 local

Submitted by

Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
RCT Secretary

Attachments:

Attendance list
Treasurer's report
September PMT Disposal List

Radio Club of Tacoma General Meeting

September 11, 202

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Meeting Called to Order at: 13:32 local by President Mike W7XTZ

Quorum? (10% of membership required to conduct business)

Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors

Al N7OMS noted that Chip Margelli K7JA (RCT 523) and his wife Janet KL7MF (RCT 710) just visited the clubhouse but were not present at the meeting. Steve AF7YD also knew Chip and related some early experiences. Chip and Janet helped to dig

the foundations for our tower.

20 people attended all or part of the meeting. Attendance list is attached.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness

Peter Baker AD7EU our Club Parliamentarian became a silent key July 13, 2021 at the age of 59.

Greta KF7KSW is now at home now and reports that she is doing well.

Program (KF7SCB) Disaster Preparedness!!

Lots of potential for disaster in PNW but we tend to ignore it!

Mt. St. Helens 1980

Lahars & pyroclastic flow damage even far away

Nisqually earthquake 2001

Building and tower failures

Roads failed/impassable

Landslides—housing and roads damaged

Rainfall flooding

Chehalis 2009 Interstate 5 covered

OSO landslide 2014- 41 killed, many houses lost or damaged

Tornado in 2020 Gig Harbor/Pt. Orchard area

2019 Droughts in Eastern WA 2019

Wildfires & resultant smoke 2019-2020, etc.

SO STUFF DOES HAPPEN IN PNW!!

Three myths (or more)

Help will come soon…well maybe

System may be overloaded or have higher priorities

Only need a 3 day supply of food/water

No, not necessarily

I'll have to defend everything I have –survivalist/prepper attitude

Disasters do not necessarily create total breakdown of society

It's impossible to prepare for everything!

No but you can prepare for most things

WHAT DO WE NEED FOR DIASTER

Food and water

Vital Medicine

Alternate power source

Communications

Text first goes through better

Carriers may be changing rules about texting so may be iffy

ICE contacts in phone (In Case of Emergency)

Have a contact at least 100 miles away (out of disaster zone)

HAM Radio go bags, communications, message traffic passing

If cannot shelter in place, need go bag for each family member/pet

Keep vehicles gassed up and ready

Think about alternate evacuation routes

A good website for information is: www.ready.gov

Current health questions re: COVID is Pierce County Health Department website

DISCUSSIONS:

John N7TES: reminds us to rotate foodstuff, label it and rotate it.

Larry KD4VOM: reminds us about downloadable applications for cellphones, First Aide, maps, etc. these do not rely on cell tower communication but are resident on your phone

Dan KD7SV reminds us that a tarp is a good portable shelter and can be a source for collecting water. Also a good water filter may be vital. Consider a source for personal waste disposal because plumbing may not be available. Tarp, water filter, and waste disposal

Verna KF7SCB reminds us to have a family plan. Where to meet, how to contact, etc.

SEPTEMBER IS DIASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH SO UNBURY YOUR GARAGE DIASTER STUFF, CHECK SUPPLIES AND MAKE A PLAN.

Officer and Committee Reports

Secretary (W7MKE) New time for Monthly Meetings beginning in October is to second Wednesday 7PM

December 11 Award Banquet at Christian Reformed Church 2419 E 72nd ST, Tacoma.

Treasurer (AF7YD) No update since Board Meeting. Chase Bank is communicating changes in deposit requirements which may affect fees.

Committees

Membership/Library (K7GRS, AD7AV) Membership stands a 273. Doug has schedule a LAHM meeting for the near future.

Training (AD7AB) Phil K7PIA reported next technician class is October is 9-10. Dave Brooks N7HT has a general class schedule for Tuesday Nights September 27th

VE Report (AC7WW) John AC7WW submitted this report: On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, your VE team was host to 16 candidates in two sessions in the clubhouse parking lot. Nine candidates passed element 2 to join the Amateur Service as Technicians. One candidate passed element 2 and 3 to become a General. Three candidates upgraded to General class. Two candidates upgraded to Extra. One candidate did not earn an initial license.

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Info Tech/Website/4th Wednesday (WB4SPB) Some changes to network hardware at clubhouse. The WiFi network name will change and one will be suitable for visitors. As far as computers go they seem to be working OK.As far as the website, had some outages last week but seem to be related to problems with the host?

No agenda yet for 4th Wednesday so it will be TBD

Repeater Operations (N7OMS) Al N7OMS reported repeaters are functioning but some members have concern n that perhaps the repeaters are not functioning as well as they used to. Are looking into Bridgecom and Arcom equipment and we may need some new equipment.

HF Operations (K7PIA) All stations are operating and were in use today. If you need help please ask for help operating the club radios. See contestcalendar.com for upcoming radio sport.

Salmon Run is coming up and W7DK will be trying to contact all WA counties. If you're not here, please get on your radio and have fun. If you can be a rover, get out there and have fun that way.

VHF/UHF stations are now operable in the HF room. Still some work needed on the antennas (rotator) but stations are operable.

Property Management (WB7EC) Red WB7EC reports that PMT is in full swing and last month took in $915. They're going over all stuff from last M&K and perhaps cutting cost for lots of that stuff. Getting ready for M&K in March 2021 normally each Saturday PMT has been putting out a few items and plans to continue doing this in the future. If you see something on the PMT list and want to see it, ask. We need helpers for PMT badly.

Salmon Run (W7XTZ) Mike W7XTZ reports that Salmon Run is a lot of fun, especially if you are a rover in a "rare" coun ty. You get a pileup and have lots of opportunity to talk to lots of hams.

Bylaws Committee (K7GRS, AB7DG, W7XTZ, W7PFU) Nothing significant to report yet as far as by laws changes antici pated. The committee plans to meet September 30th.

Unfinished Business

Nothing offered

New Business

Nominating Committee Report and Call for Nominations (WB4SPB)

Deanna KA7DCX reported the following slate of candidates is currently available to run:

Vice President: Adam Barbera W2NCC;

Secretary: Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

Board: Bruce Hanson WE7P

Board: Paul Matney W7PFU

Board: Doug Schafer AB7DG

President Mike W7XTZ called for nominations from the floor and no nominations were made.

The next opportunity for nominations is at the October Monthly Meeting. After that the nominations are closed and the ballots are created.

Member's questions for Officers or Committee Chairs

Nothing offered

Announcements

Nothing offered

Mike asked Larry KD4VOM for words of wisdom. Larry indicated that Verna had a good presentation. He noted that those in New Orleans have frequent hurricanes so are prepared. Here in the PNW we may not prepare as diligently as we need to and there may not be a lot of people on the first responder's team to help everyone so please be prepared to help you as much as possible.

Adjournment was at 2: 51 PM local

Submitted by

Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

RCT Secretary

Attachment: Attendance list

Some old-school SWL QSL pictures from the WG7X collection: note that some of the Warsaw pact nations made their prospective hams receive QSLs from shortwave listening before they could even take the ham exams!

SALMON RUN BY Al, N7OMS

The Washington State QSO party was held this September on the 18th and 19th of this year. This is an important event for the Radio Club of Tacoma because it is tied to our annual fund raiser. We get members to pledge based on the number of counties we contact during the QSO party, or they pledge a flat amount. It is always our goal to get all 39 counties and that can be quite a challenge. This year we had good overall support at the club stations with about 10 members taking up the gauntlet.

With concern about covid still with us, we did our best to keep some distance between operators so we had all three stations available. Adam brought a vintage Heathkit Amp for the Lou room station and Phil brought his matching Amp and tuner to go with the Elecraft station upstairs. Our Flex station was running 80 meters with about 700 watts. This gave us plenty of power, but if no one is in some of those rare counties, power makes no difference.

Contesting is all about making those Q's and finding the multipliers. To help with finding those rare counties, there is the watering hole. Someone runs an ongoing net and coordinates between stations that announce their location and their needed counties. Usually, this preannounced frequency gets pretty busy around Saturday night. Hams check in to see if any of the counties they need are there or if anyone has heard the ones they need. By late Saturday night you can paint of picture of those counties that just may not be in the log before the end of the contest Sunday evening. The Radio Club has been lucky in past years, as we had a secret weapon in the form of WW7LW manned by Rich KR7W and Chuck AC7QN. They would often be the rare one that would give a that clean sweep. They would travel to several of the harder counties and be sure to work W7DK and other hams needing their location in the log. This year Rich was in the process of moving but we can hope that WW7LW will be on the air next year.

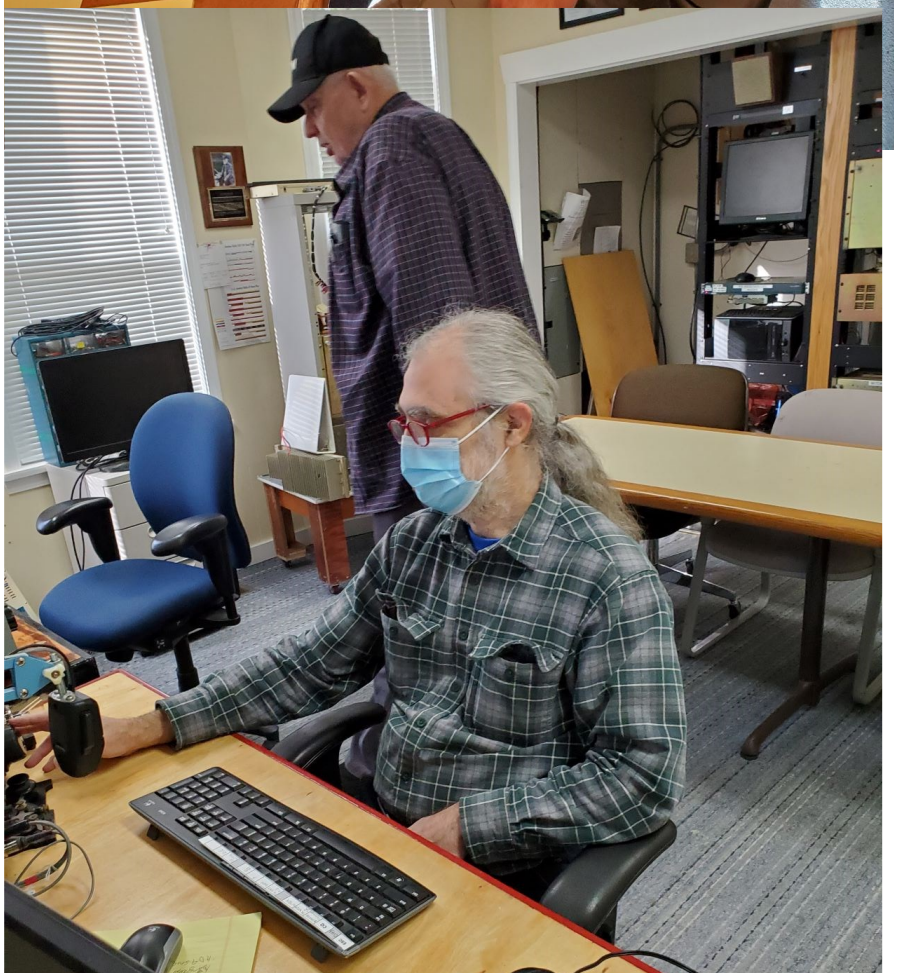
Still all in all we did pretty good with 801 QSO's 1764 points, 97 multipliers and most importantly all 39 Washington counties. We did not get a clean sweep of the states missing KY and WY, also we lacked two of the Canadian Provinces. I am proud to be part of the W7DK Salmon Run Team and can tell you that contesting with friends is way more fun than contesting alone. Hopefully it will be back to normal for 2022 and we can have more interaction with club members.

If you have not taken your station on the road to one of our national parks or operated as that rare county, then now is the time to plan ahead. Being at the other end of a pile up, just because you are in Stevens or any of the other Eastern Washington counties is a lot of fun. Maybe you will be the next WW7LW?

This year we did not mail out pledge forms and relied on getting your pledge information via the W7DK website. If you missed that opportunity then I am sure treasurer Steve will be more than happy to help you make a donation. I want to thank all who made this year's Salmon Run contest a success and a special thank you to all who continue to support the club with your membership dues and Salmon Run donations.

Al

N7OMS



SALMON RUN pictures submitted by Mike W7MKE

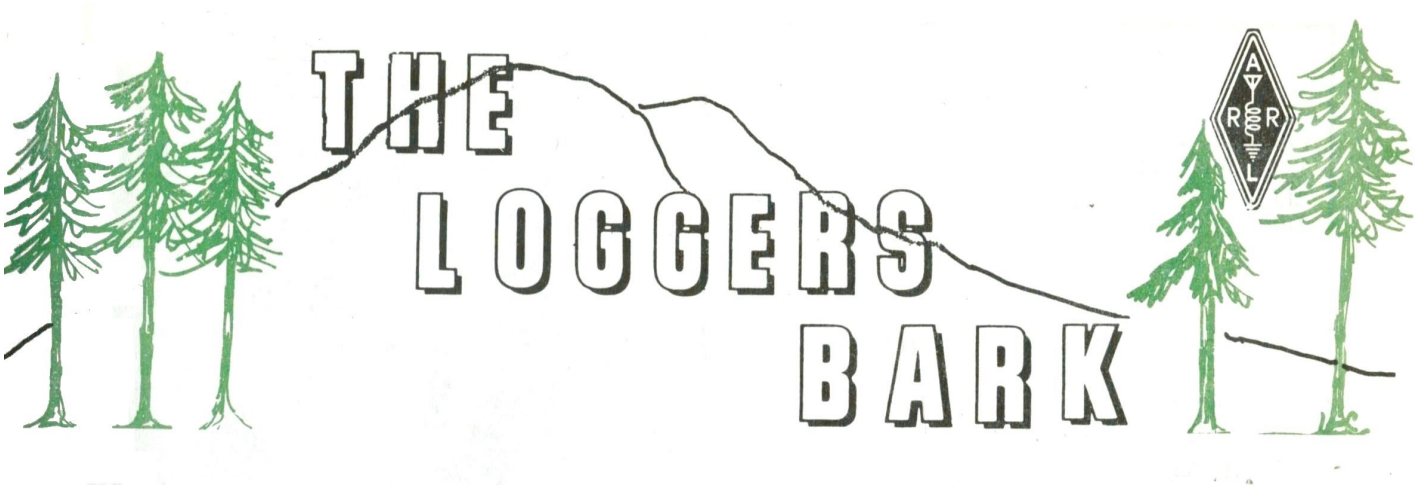
Left, top Al N7OMS at the Elecraft station Upstairs is busy, hopefully running the states or counties!

Left, bottom we see Bruce WE7P supervising Randy WB4SBP in the "Lou Room" downstairs no doubt running the counties at the "watering hole"!

At publication time, no feed back on statistics for the radio club other than that they got all thirty-nine counties, all the states and most of the Canadian provinces!

I'm sure that correct, updated statistics will be posted in time for next month's "Loggers Bark!

CUE THE "WAY-BACK MACHINE" MR. PEABODY!



We had a request from Missy Morehart recently. She asked:

My sister who recently passed away drew the original masthead for The Loggers Bark, with the mountain and trees. Is there any chance that there is an old copy lying around that I can possibly get a copy of the masthead to include in the video we are doing for her memorial on 10/9? Thank you in advance!

Randy WB4SPB replied: I had another mission at the clubhouse today, and while I was there I had a look at the early *Bark* volumes. The attached images are graphics that were first used in January 1967. The larger one was the masthead, and the smaller one was printed on a green sheet that served as the last page and back of each issue. I suspect the assembled volume was folded in half with the green sheet out, and mailing information was affixed there.
Are these what you are looking for?

Missy: The second one with the very tiny initials "LAC" was the one she did. My dad was Merl Chavis, W7IKG and later W7XM, and my mom was Margie K7AMJ. There were six of us girls, but sadly none of us became Hams. The artist in question was named Merlynda Chavis.

It turned out that the one pictured was the one she was looking for (Ed.) Initialed at the roots of the tree on the right.

Randy sent her the picture. .

It's good when things work out!

Below is the other of the '60's mastheads. Randy believes that the bottom one was on the end of the Bark and the top one was the actual masthead.

The Club LINEUP

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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain 147.380 + PL=103.5 (E of Olympia © 1500 ft ASL)

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3